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Promote the history and preserve the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment while supporting Military Police Leadership, Soldiers and families Army wide.

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The premier Military Police professional organization which is fully aligned with the Army and Military Police Corps visions and recognized as relevant by Military Police Leaders, Soldiers and families throughout the Regiment.

VALUES
- Mutual Respect
- Pride in Heritage
- Responsible Service
- Always Relevant

On behalf of our thousands of members, Senior Advisory Council and our Board of Directors we congratulate our storied Regiment on its 76th Anniversary. We are proud to be the premier Military Police professional association committed to preserving our regiment’s history and promoting our traditions while supporting Military Police Soldiers, Leaders and Families around the world.

As President of our association I often find it necessary when talking with Soldiers of all ranks to share my perspective on why it is important for professionals to belong to professional associations. My reasoning usually starts with how being a member of an association that represents their career field can prove to be invaluable throughout and beyond their military careers. The ability to network with other police professionals is the most common benefit. Being eligible for association specific awards and programs like the Marechaussee regimental award and the MPRA scholarship program is another great benefit. The ability to connect with prospective employers for career opportunities for life after the military is a popular benefit. I talk about how listing association memberships on their resume can demonstrate to current and future employers that they are committed to staying connected within their profession. Being able to give back to the regiment through MPRA can ultimately be the most rewarding benefit of all. Two great examples are direct and indirect contributions to the Benevolent Fund and our world class Military Police Memorial Grove. I remind Soldiers that there is often more than one association or organization that aligns with their profession and that they can belong to more than one. Ultimately they have to see the value of belonging and have confidence in the association.

MPRA is proud of its track record of supporting the regiment through its many programs and initiatives. One initiative I would like to mention is the Military Police history book that you can also read about on page 16 of this magazine. As many of you know the Regiment’s rich history will soon be chronicled in high quality leather bound history book that will include self-submitted biographies and pictures of individual MP Soldiers and Veterans. This never before published history book will serve generations past, present and future in preserving our history and traditions. Current and veteran Military Police men and women of all ranks, components and military occupational specialties in the Military Police career management field are encouraged to submit their stories for publication. Widows, widowers, friends, and family members are also encouraged to send in biographical portraits and materials for their loved ones. The book is intended to include any and every MP interested in having their service recorded in this one of a kind publication. There is no cost to submit bios and pictures for the history book. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2017. The book will be published not later than September 30th, 2018. I ask for your help in getting your own submissions in and / or submissions from others that you have served with or know of from other eras in our history.

Thank you for your support of our association.

Dorsey L. Newcomb
Command Sergeant Major (Retired),
President, MPRA National Board of Directors
The current Regimental theme “Preserving the Past, Reinforcing the Present, and Shaping the Future” invites us to utilize “lessons learned” from our history to strengthen our Corps modern-day efforts and initiatives, while simultaneously giving direction for our future trajectory. In fact, it was the great scholar and philosopher Confucius who said, “Study the past if you would define your future”. Indeed, preserving our past gives a lens through which we as a modern Military Police Force can look through. We look through that historical lens and we find countless examples of the importance and relevance of the Military Police Corps. I’d like to briefly discuss with you highlights of our past, and how these events affect us today.

This month (September) is a special month for me, as I am sure it is for many members of the Military Police Regiment. On September 21st, 1941, just prior to our country’s participation in one of the greatest military conflicts ever witnessed, the founding of our Regiment was established, and with it, the beginning of the more contemporary history of the Military Police Corps. It was on the day of our founding that the United States fully recognized our Regiment’s historical value in past conflicts. Think about that for a minute, the timing of our Regiment’s official establishment. I will tell you all present here today that I do not consider the timing of this event a coincidence.

During this troubling period, our nation’s leaders in the 1940’s were preparing for a world-wide conflict, and they knew our country would need to commit fully to succeed on multiple fronts. They recognized they would need the best units available to win. I will tell you that these leaders looked to our country’s past for those units, and the shadows of our Regiment were there, embellished in successful contributions to countless campaigns. I am confident it was then that they realized the need for a professionally established Military Police Corps, it was the success of our past that ultimately led to our formal establishment:

You see, the Military Police Regiment can trace its lineage back through the pages of our country’s history all the way to the founding of our great nation in the American Revolutionary War. It was during the great struggle for independence that some of our most prominent founding fathers, to include General George Washington, called for an organization to be established to assist with the good order and discipline of the newly formed Continental Army. This was a special organization, an organization designed to be of the troops and for the troops, an organization that would focus on assisting, protecting, and defending the members of the Army itself, an organization that General Washington ultimately referred to as the Order of the Marechaussee. This order was the first Provost Marshal organization in our nation’s history and set the precedent for the effectiveness, necessity, and multi-faceted use that a Military Police force could bring to a campaign.

From the establishment of the Order of the Marechaussee, all the way to the coming conflict that would be known as World War II, our nation’s leaders at the time saw a special Regiment that, during every major military conflict since the Revolutionary War, was called upon again and again to fill multiple functions, functions and competencies we know of today as Soldiering, Policing, Corrections/Detention Operations, and Investigations. They knew then, just as we know now, how vital the Military Police Corps was in past successes, and how it would be indispensable to the nation’s effort to win the coming world war.

Keep this in mind, that when our nation was preparing for arguably the worst military conflict to date, it was in that moment we were called upon as the Military Police Corps, it was then that our relevance truly shown through, and it’s my challenge to all MP leaders here today to maintain that relevance! Preserve our past! It’s our Regiment’s past successes that convinced leaders preparing for World War II, and every conflict since then, of our value, our capabilities, and our potential to contribute to a campaign’s overall success.

Indeed, we are fortunate to have a proud Regimental history to look back on. Today, in modern conflicts that span the globe, our efforts as leaders should be to utilize this distinguished past as a source of motivation to reinforce our present efforts. Our modern core competencies give us the unique opportunity to showcase our units’ many different areas of expertise. I challenge you to distinguish and promote your units’ capabilities.

I have spoken at length of our Corps proud history. This history was only possible because the past leaders of our Regiment did not shy away from demonstrating the effectiveness of Military Police capabilities.

As we begin the celebrations leading up to the 76th Anniversary, it will be our honor to award the Order of the Marechaussee in GOLD post-humously to one of our finest past leaders: Colonel (R) Larry Saunders. Colonel (R) Larry Saunders’ renowned career spans 30 years of active service to the Military Police Corps and the United States Army on two separate occasions. Colonel (R) Saunders held various command and staff positions, including troop assignments with 8th Infantry Division, 9th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, and I Corps. Known as an exceptional trainer, team builder, and mentor, Larry’s legacy is evident in countless Soldiers whose success he enabled.

In 1998, after completing his first career in the Army, he retired and was selected as the very first Chief of Police for the city of Lakewood, Washington, where he brought community oriented policing to the city of Lakewood. After a decade of service in the private sector, he retired from civilian police work. In 2008, Larry returned to active duty to serve as the Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister for Police Training of the Interior, Iraq and Director of Coalition Police Training Assistance for the U.S. Multinational Forces in Baghdad Iraq. Larry retired from the Army again in 2011, but continued consulting on policing measures worldwide with the International Chiefs of Police to build professional policing organizations across the globe in places like Armenia, Georgia, and Peru.

Larry’s passion beyond the Army and police work was his tireless service to the next generation, which included extensive investment of time and resources in the Lions and Rotary Clubs, American Leadership Forum, Caring for Kids, the 42nd Military Police Brigade Memorial Association, and the Boys and Girls Club, where his passion led to helping establish the Gary and Carol Milgard Family HOPE Center. Larry was also an integral part of several organizations he helped establish, such as Rally Point 6 whose sole purpose was to better the lives of veterans and families through mentoring, job training opportunities, and job placement. Larry made us believe impossible tasks were possible and then worked with us to make them a reality. The world is a better place because of Colonel (R) Larry Saunders.

My husband, Chris, and I are so humbled and feel so very blessed to be a part of this team of teams. I will strives every day to maintain the legacy of this great Regiment by seeking your opinions and championing your thoughts and ideas.

Happy Anniversary and Thank You for what you and your Families do every day in support of this great Regiment!

Of the Troops, For the Troops
Assistant, Protect, Defend
Preserve the Force

BG Donna W. Martin, 49th Commandant and Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment
Happy 76th Anniversary to the United States Army Military Police Corps!

As we commence the formal preparations to celebrate our 76th year as a branch, our theme for this year: Preserving the Past, Shaping the Future, and Reinforcing the Present really highlights the crucial role we have had and will have in our Army’s history.

In preserving our past we must remember all that came before us and what their legacy means. In doing so, we must reinforce the present and recognize those that are performing the Military Police Missions throughout the world. As we are shaping our future, we are and will be instrumental in ensuring the success of the Army and our Nation. We must remain the standard bearers of trust as the Nation’s professional policing force that our Army needs us to be. Without question our Soldiers (active and retired), Families and Department of the Army Civilians should be proud of all they have accomplished. In celebration, let us not forget our fallen Military Police Soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and was willing to give their lives so that we can live free.

As we get ready to celebrate our anniversary, myself, the Commandant and Chief of the Military Police Corps, BG Martin, and the Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, CW5 Fitz, we would like to congratulate our 2017 inductees into the Military Police Corps Hall of Fame: Brigadier General (R) David D. Phillips, Colonel (R) Donald G. Salo, and Colonel (R) Mary A. Maier.

BG (R) Phillips illustrious career spanned 31 years of active service to the Military Police Corps and the United States Army. He culminated his career as the Commandant of the United States Army Military Police School. In this role, he relied upon his vast knowledge and experience from fighting the War on Terror and reshaped the training, professional development and structure of the MP Corps. Most notably he led the initiative in establishing the 31K (K9) Military Occupational Specialty within our Corps. BG Phillips’ contributions left an indelible mark on the Army’s history.

COL (R) Salo’s distinguished Army career significantly enhanced the Military Police Corps mission and provided a solid foundation for the tremendous successes of future leaders in the Military Police Corps. His leadership and enduring contributions throughout his 31 year career, both in and out of uniform as a Military Police Colonel and as the Military Police Corps’ first Senior Executive, had a profound and positive impact on this Nation.

COL (R) Maier served with distinction in the Military Police Corps, from her earliest days as a junior officer transitioning from the Women’s Army Corps to the Military Police Corps to the present. She was the first female to command the 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne) and the only officer to command this unit twice. Rated a master parachutist, expert trainer, role model and mentor, COL Maier has positively influenced countless Jr. Enlisted Soldiers, Noncommissioned Officers, Officers, Army Civilians, and Families.

BG (R) Phillips, COL (R) Salo, and COL (R) Maier will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on 28 September 2017 at the Pershing Community Center, followed by a photo unveiling in the Military Police Corps Museum. The Military Police Corps would like to congratulate these 2017 inductees into our prestigious Hall of fame!

Off the subject of MP Anniversary Week, I would like to quickly highlight you on an important item of interest: Structured Self-Development (SSD) I – VI redesign. As you know, SSD is one of three domains of training and leader development. SSD is planned; goal-oriented learning that reinforces and expands the depth and breadth of an individual’s knowledge base, self-awareness, and situational awareness. It complements institutional and operational learning, enhances professional competence, and meets personal objectives. The legacy levels of SSD will continue until the redesigned courses go through validation and are activated in the Army Learning Management System. U.S. Army Human Resources Command will continue to enroll Soldiers in the legacy courses until Oct. 1, 2019, then start enrollment in the new courses thereafter. Their goal is to have the team deliver levels I & II first, then activate the remaining levels III-VI no later than Oct. 1, 2019. You will see a dramatic change in the lessons that will act as building blocks to each level of noncommissioned officer Professional Military Education and will directly relate to your duties, roles and responsibilities. The content will be streamlined and rigorous, but relevant and progressive to your development.

Again, I am honored to serve in this great Regiment and I remain committed to providing viable solutions to the Army as it affects the MP Corps and our population. Happy Anniversary to the Regiment and thank you all for what you do each and every day!

Of the Troops, For the Troops
Assist, Protect, Defend
Preserve the Force

CSM James W. Breckinridge,
Military Police Corps and
School Command Sergeant Major
Celebrating Anniversaries

His last quarter of the fiscal year finds many of us extremely busy. End of year requirements often involve closing out the current budget and submitting the next, identifying training needs and developing annual training guidance, as well as analyzing past mistakes and developing lessons learned. Although we find ourselves deeply engaged in these tasks, and many others, we must take time to celebrate the anniversaries within our Regiment. Often the past holds examples for the future, so reacquainting ourselves with the origins of our Corps can be beneficial to work being done to shape what is to come.

On 9 July 1918, the U.S. Army authorized the creation of a Mine Planter Service as part of the Coast Artillery Corps; this was the inception of the modern warrant officer. Over the last 99 years we’ve seen this initial concept of highly specialized technicians grow into the Warrant Officer Corps and later integrate with the Army Officer Corps. Warrant officers serve in 13 branches of the Army and hold 43 separate military occupational specialties (MOS), to include our own CID Special Agent warrant officer, MOS 311A. Across the modern Army, warrant officers serve as leaders, technicians, and teachers; providing commanders the advice, experience, and technical expertise necessary to ensure readiness. Within the Regiment, CID warrant officers lead investigative teams, command detachments, and serve alongside commanders at the battalion, group and headquarters levels. But these criminal investigators are not the only warrant officers serving within the Regiment. Many of our formations include logistics, maintenance, signal and transportation warrant officers; all bringing the technical expertise necessary to sustain the readiness and effectiveness of our force. The NCO is certainly the backbone of the Army, but it is the warrant officer who integrates the systems, manages the processes, and executes the requirements necessary to keep the Army running. When you run into a warrant officer, thank him or her for the job they do and wish them a happy anniversary.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) was established as a major command on 17 September 1971, centralizing control of all felony criminal investigations within the Army. The CID has undergone many changes in the last 46 years but one thing has remained constant – the thoroughness and quality of investigative support provided to commanders, Soldiers and their families regardless of position, rank or location. Although organizational and operational challenges continue, the Soldiers, Special Agents, and civilians assigned to CID continue to do what is necessary to detect and deter crime within our Army. In spite of the difficult mission, one that frequently involves some of the most egregious criminal acts we can imagine, the highly trained men and women of CID remain resilient and very vigilant in the pursuit of justice. The CID does much more than investigate serious crime, its mission also includes drug suppression, major procurement fraud, criminal intelligence, protective services, forensic laboratory support, logistics security, and counterterrorism operations. The unique capabilities of CID are integral to the overall success of both our law enforcement and combat support roles; and as part of the Regimental family it is fitting that we take time to recognize their anniversary.

Seventy six years have passed since the formation of the Military Police Corps, the roots of which can be traced back to the Marechaussée Corps formed by General George Washington in June of 1778. On 26 September 1941, a Provost Marshal General’s Office and Military Police Corps were formally organized to assist commanders with maintaining order and discipline within their ranks. Since then military police Soldiers have participated in almost every combat operation the Army has undertaken. Our military police Soldiers and civilians continue to exhibit the high standards of conduct, performance and dedication to duty established by the Marechaussée during the Revolutionary War. I dare say we are the only branch of the Army that entrusts young Soldiers with such great responsibility as caring for the incarcerated, patrolling our communities, safeguarding our resources and securing the battlefield. From its initial inception in 1941, our mission evolved to include corrections, investigations, military working dogs, and combat support. And it continues to evolve as we look toward expanding and formalizing our expeditionary forensic and criminal intelligence capabilities. Although we are small in comparison, the mission we have been given is extremely critical to the readiness of the Total Army. Honor this great trust by educating your formations in the legacy upon which it was founded.

As we celebrate these anniversaries we must look back upon the histories of each and recognize the examples set by those from earlier days. A clear understanding of the past and the intent for which we were formed, will help us maintain focus as we develop concepts for the future. It’s easy to get bogged down by the challenges of the present, especially when the threat we face is often unknown and ever changing. Understanding our history is essential to remaining committed to the mission with which we are charged and dedicated to ensuring the future we shape is in keeping with the purpose for which we were formed.

Join me in wishing a Happy Anniversary to our warrant officers, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the Military Police Corps Regiment. May what we do in the years to come continue to build upon the proud traditions and remarkable legacy entrusted to our care.

Thank you for the hard work you do each day. You are setting the example for future generations who will one day look back and remember what you’ve done, the advice you’ve given, and the efforts you’ve taken to shape the conditions in which they will operate. Keep doing the great things you do and always remember that the challenges we face require your participation in developing solutions.

Of the Troops and For the Troops
Do What Has to be Done

CW5 Joel E. Fitz
Regimental Chief Warrant Officer
Career Management Field 31 and Our Accreditations and Credentialing Program

USAMPS has several institutional accreditations that are now part of the school and its continuing effort to professionalize in like fashion to our federal and state civilian counterparts. USAMPS is a Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) law enforcement training academy as well as an American Correctional Association (ACA) corrections training academy. USAMPS continues to demonstrate proficiencies in FLETA with the following courses enjoying FLETA program accreditations: 31B10 OSUT, U.S. Army Civilian Police Academy (USACPA), CID Special Agent Course, Special Victims Capabilities Course, Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC), 31K10 Advanced Individual Training, and the USAMPS Staff and Faculty Development Course. Finally, USAMPS is working to gain the International Association for Law Enforcement Intelligence Analyst accreditation for its Crime and Criminal Intelligence Analyst Course.

Credentialing continues to grow in scope and depth as the U.S. Army has now recognized how the credentials benefit our soldiers. As this program matures and funding begins to reflect our requirements, we will see growth in credentialing opportunities for all of our personnel. Currently, MOS 31E Corrections and Detention Specialist are enjoying the opportunity to get credentialed with ACA when they graduate from 31E10 as a Certified Corrections Officer (CCO). NCOs have the opportunity to get ACA certified as a CCO, Certified Corrections Supervisor (CCS) or Certified Corrections Manager (CCM). The newest development with credentialing is that TRADOC will now fund credentialing across the entire Army for COMPO’s I-III. USAMPS is currently working with the Army Corrections Command on how we will implement non-resident credentialing for the ACA certifications.

Timeline is yet to be determined as well. USAMPS Office of Accreditations and Credentialing is currently testing the ASIS International (ASIS), for Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) and Physical Security Professional (PSP). USAMPS OAC will soon begin live testing of the International Association for Identification for the following areas: Certified Crime Scene Investigator (CCSI), Certified Crime Scene Analyst (CCSA), and Certified Crime Scene Reconstructionist (CCSR). With the moving parts at DA and TRADOC, we hope to be operational in 2020 with the additional credentials. These credentials will no longer be just available to student at USAMPS, but to all Soldiers across the CMF 31.

Department of Defense Peace Officer Standards and Training (DODPOST) Commission work continues to progress at USAMPS wherein by 2020, all military and civilian law enforcement officers (LEO), will be required to be commissioned by DOD prior to working in law enforcement. This is true for the other three services and six DOD law enforcement agencies as well. This program continues to mature and take shape. Components of this program will require our LEOS to sit the DODPOST Law Enforcement Examination (LEX) and achieve a 70% or higher grade (200 question exam). Further, there will be certification requirements for our criminal intelligence analyst (program and exam are currently under development). Right now, we expect new accessions in 31B10, BOLC, 31K10 and USACPA to take and complete the exam prior to their graduations here at the institution beginning in FY 2020. A non-resident exam program is being designed at the DOD level, but the entire DODPOST LEX will not be a requirement until 2020.

The Army continues to support the federal law that directs law enforcement organizations in both civilian and military to make the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) available to all CMF 31 Soldiers, civilians and retirees. This program provides CMF 31 soldiers and civilians the opportunity to apply for a concealed weapon credential (if the applicant meets the minimum requirements for the LEOSA credential) at the applicants own cost. Minimum requirements are outlined in the Army LEOSA Directive 2015-3, dated 8 January 2015. Any questions as to whether a soldier qualifies or how to apply may contact USAMPS Defense Consulting Service Representative Mr. Chad McCaulley at 573-563-7243.

Until funding matures at the Department of the Army level and TRADOC, we must be cognizant that efforts will be directly tied to annual funding availability from TRADOC. Efforts to support the CMF 31 in all of the credentialing programs are being worked as TRADOC funding timelines allow. We will continue to work on developing an accreditation and credentialing one-stop point of contact for all our soldiers and civilians.

By Ron Mullihan
2017 Military Police Corps

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Each year the Military Police Corps Regiment solicits nominations for the US Army Military Police Corps Regimental Hall of Fame. Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Enlisted Soldiers, or Professional Civilians who have served in or supported an Active, National Guard or Reserve Military Police unit are eligible for nomination. The Military Police Corps Regimental leadership proudly announced this year’s inductees as Brigadier General (R) David D. Phillips, Colonel (R) Don G. Salo, Jr. and Colonel (R) Mary A. Maier.

This year’s inductees bring the total number of distinguished leaders enshrined in the Military Police Hall of Fame to eighty-three.

MPRA joins the regimental leadership in congratulating each of these inductees and their families on this outstanding milestone in their service to our Regiment and this great country. In keeping with promoting the history and preserving the traditions of our Regiment MPRA is proud to maintain a current place on our website where you can view the names, pictures and citations for all eighty Hall of Fame members.

We invite you to visit the site at www.mpraonline.org to see this collection of Military Police heroes and to read about their legacies. Although the United States Army Military Police School is the proponent for the MP Hall of Fame MPRA encourages everyone to review the outline of the prerequisites, process and regulatory requirements below and consider nominating those you feel to be deserving of consideration for this great honor.

Brigadier General (R) David D. Phillips illustrious career spans 31 years of active service to the Military Police Corps and the United States Army. While serving as the Director of Security at the Pentagon his career was redirected with the advent of the Global War on Terror. From that day forward, his experiences while serving as a Commander and Primary Staff Officer were not only instrumental in the MP Corps and Army’s success, but shaped the vision for the MP Corps for years to come.

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To attend the ceremony, please contact: Ms. Felicia Higgins at (573) 563-6145.
The Military Police Corps Regiment’s storied history began a new chapter during a change-of-commandancy ceremony held in Nutter Field House Friday, 14 July 2017.


“The United States Army Military Police Corps is a big deal — critical to our Army — critical to our national security — and the standard bearer for professional policing around the world,” Savre said during the ceremony. “So, the responsibility of leading the MP Corps and our school here at Fort Leonard Wood must only be entrusted to the most committed and competent senior leaders. For the past two years, Kevin Vereen has more than lived up to this immense responsibility.”

Savre added that, under Vereen’s leadership, the Military Police Corps has earned its precedence in all Army future concepts through his unique ability to promote a deeper understanding of social and personnel considerations necessary for the future military police mission.

“Kevin committed countless hours to building confidence and trust in our Army, with our sister services, with our allies, and with the American people,” Savre said. “He contributed to Army readiness by providing 48,000 military police Soldiers, noncommissioned officers, warrant officers and commissioned officers. He improved the military police school’s poise and exceeded standards, resulting in accreditation through the Triennial Assessment and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Commission.”

“Simply put — Kevin truly lived the mantra: ‘of the troops and for the troops.’ (He) listened to the Chief of Staff of the Army’s priorities... and ultimately increased Army readiness, built capability for the future and took care of our Soldiers and Families,” Savre added.

Savre then brought attention to the military police school’s 49th commandant.

“You know, I’ve presided over a lot of these ceremonies in my career and can honestly say that no one has more aggressively pulled the colors from my hands than (Brig.) Gen. Martin,” Savre added with a smile.

Savre shared his congratulations, and made it clear to all in attendance that he has absolute trust and confidence in Martin’s abilities to further the regiment.

Martin, while standing in front of Soldiers in formation, discussed her commitment to her new role.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be a part of this great ‘team of teams’ and the finest regiment in the Army,” Martin said. “To the officers, Soldiers, civilians and Families of the Military Police Regi-
Since the change of command and original publication of this article, BG Glaser has been promoted to Major General.

Brigadier General David P. Glaser assumed responsibility as the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army and took command of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command during a formal ceremony May 4 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Summerall Parade Field in Virginia.

Brigadier General Glaser is the 16th Provost Marshal General, or PMG, to hold the position since it was established in September 1941 and the 13th commander of CID since it was first established as a major command on Sept. 17, 1971. Brigadier General Glaser relieves MG Mark S. Inch, who served in the position since September 2014. Major General Inch also retired during the ceremony, concluding his military career after more than 35 years of service.

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, GEN Daniel B. Allyn hosted the ceremony and thanked Inch for his leadership and significant contributions during his tenure as the PMG and commanding general of CID and the Army Corrections Command.

“Mark has served our nation and our Army in some of the toughest spots,” Allyn said. “Thank you on behalf of a grateful Army and an even more grateful nation.”

Allyn then stressed his confidence in BG Glaser as he assumes the position as the Army’s top law enforcement professional.

“Dave is no stranger to this command, having served as its deputy commander since August,” Allyn said. “More importantly he is highly regarded throughout the Military Police Corps for the over 30 years that he has served our Army and our nation with distinction.”

Major General Inch, in his last official act as the PMG, addressed the law enforcement professionals he has led the past three years.

“I have been humbled to serve in our Army,” MG Inch said. “It is such a privilege to be part of a values based institution, in which we very boldly proclaim those values that we hold dear and that we use to make decisions every day. In doing that, we are able to trust each other in a way that I suppose other institutions cannot.”

Brigadier General Glaser relinquished his position as the deputy commanding general of CID and commanding general of the Army Corrections Command to assume his new role as the PMG and the Commanding General of CID, as CID nears its 46th year as the Army’s premier investigative agency. Colonel Brian R. Bisacre took command of the Army Corrections Command, May 1. He will also serve as the CID deputy commander.

Throughout its long history, the PMG position was routinely reestablished during major combat, but discontinued shortly after the conflicts ended. The position was reestablished by former Secretary of the Army Thomas White at the onset of the global war on terrorism in 2003.

Following the change of command ceremony, BG Glaser took the Oath of the Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army during the change of command ceremony May 4 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Summerall Parade Field.

GEN Daniel B. Allyn, left, swears in BG David P. Glaser as the 16th Provost Marshal General of the U.S. Army during the change of command ceremony May 4 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Summerall Parade Field. (Photo by SGT Alicia Brand)
Chief of Staff of the Army for their faith and confidence to appoint him to these positions.

“I am under no illusion that the trust that they have placed in me was due to anything I have accomplished on my own but more a testament to the Soldiers, civilians, mentors and an incredibly supportive circle of friends and family that have challenged me and pushed me,” BG Glaser said. “I’m greatly indebted to these fine Soldiers, leaders, Family members and friends whose examples I have made part of my leadership philosophy.

“We [Susan and I] are excited for this opportunity and feel confident, we are ready to lead this superb organization into the future,” BG Glaser added.

By CID Public Affairs Office

From left: MG Mark S. Inch, GEN Daniel B. Allyn, and BG David P. Glaser, salute during the change of command ceremony. (Photo by Jeffrey Castro)

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Fort Meade, Md. — Before they called her general, they called her “Ramba” in Puerto Rico — the female version of Rambo. The nickname began in 1987, when Irene Miller was an ROTC cadet. Physical fitness and obstacle courses were a breeze to her. That’s because Cadet Miller ran everywhere.

“I lived in the countryside of Puerto Rico. Often my car had a flat tire and I had to get to physical conditioning, and I’d already been running from afar,” said Irene, who now goes by her married name, Zoppi.

She would run from one bus stop to another, trying to catch the “guagua” in time for her physical training sessions. The nickname of “Ramba” was originally given by an ROTC instructor, a U.S. Army Ranger, but it stuck ever since.

Thirty years later, Zoppi still hasn’t slowed down. If anything, she’s picked up momentum and speed.

Instead of being remembered as a jungle warrior movie star, Zoppi carries a star of her own: Brig. Gen. Irene Zoppi is the first Puerto Rican woman promoted to the rank of general in the U.S. Army Reserve.

During her ceremony, the room was packed with friends, family, military leaders and professional colleagues who have known Zoppi over the years. They had traveled from all over, even from Puerto Rico and Iraq, to attend the promotion. It took nearly two hours for all invited guests to shake hands and congratulate Zoppi after the ceremony was complete. Three U.S. Army major generals spoke during the ceremony, showering Zoppi with praise and respect.

“One of the first things you notice about Irene Zoppi is her energy and her presence. You don’t have to plug her in or recharge her to get energy out of her,” said one guest speaker and mentor, Maj. Gen. Luis Visot, the former chief of staff of the U.S. Army Reserve, who is now retired.

At one point during his speech, Visot invited guests from the audience to come up to the microphone, including education and military professionals who had known Zoppi at various stages in her career. Each of them said how they admired Zoppi’s compassion for people and her drive, but one speaker stole the show.

With tears in his eyes, Zoppi’s oldest son, Andrew, told a crowd of 200-plus guests what an inspiration his mother is to him.

“I’m so proud of her. She came in the Army not knowing English and my mom faced so much adversity. When I faced difficulty, I ask myself, ‘What would my mom do?’” said Andrew Zoppi who is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

“I have to have that certain leadership (that she has)... She’s always been there for advice, so I can train and mentor my airmen, and I look up to her. I’m so proud of her because she came from not even knowing English, enlisted, to now a one-star (general). That’s something you would think is impossible,” he said.

Zoppi is equally proud of her son and her entire family. Her husband of 29 years, Thomas Zoppi, is a Maryland police officer in Anne Arundel County. Together they have three children: Andrew, 26, Isabel, 19, and Antonio, 16.

During her speech, Zoppi presented them with gifts, and joked with her youngest son, Antonio, “For you my son, I have the best gift. I have an Army Recruiter waiting in the back. He’s ready for you.”

She credits her husband for supporting her throughout her career: In times of adversity, he brought her to the mirror to look at herself and persevere through whatever challenge she faced.

Thomas Zoppi was a U.S. Marine stationed at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico, when they first met. He admired Irene ever since the beginning, whom he saw set ambitious goals for herself even before they were married. They stayed up late one night to discuss their future dreams. He wanted to go into law enforcement. She wanted to graduate ROTC in hopes of making the rank of general.

“It wasn’t as easy as the dreams had sounded at the beginning. The Marine Corps sent me to the west, and the Army sent you to the east. As well as numerous other deployments, but through the bumps, mountains and barriers, you accomplished it, my love,” said Thomas during a speech.

“One of the most important goals in your life has come true. I am very proud of you with all my heart and soul.”

For Zoppi, her family is part of her credentials. She’s as proud of her role of mother as any position she held in the military.
and wife as she is her new title of general.

“The same love that I’m giving the rest of my jobs, which I’m very proud of, I have to give my husband and my children… I have to be equally good to my family, like I am proclaiming to give to the rest,” she said.

On the civilian side, Dr. Zoppi is a pro-

gram director for the National Intelligence University, which is run by the National Security Agency. She’s been involved in education ever since she left active duty as a captain in 1995 to join the Army Reserve. She became a public school teacher, and has since taught at various universities. She is now a member of the Maryland State Board of Education. On that board, she specializes in helping military families and minority students.

“She is an example of what perseverance and resiliency and working hard accomplishes. We’re not talking about just being smart. She has always worked hard,” said Claudio.

“She’s a servant to the community not only as a Soldier, but as a member and leader in one of the most important aspects of community: Education. In every society, we have three pillars: We have health, we have security, and we have education. She’s part of two pillars of our society. I mean, hello?” he said.

Zoppi truly understands the importance of education. In addition to being an ROTC cadet, Zoppi worked four jobs to help pay for her degree at the University of Puerto Rico. She worked in a department store, she cleaned, was an English tutor and was a professional scuba diver. She would dive for the coastal marine department to collect ocean sediments for study.

She’s bashful about her work as an English tutor while in college. Even though Zoppi didn’t speak English at the time, she was able to read it and helped correct papers for other students. Her father—who was from Indiana—owned the Encyclo-

pedia Brittanica. Zoppi would use the encyclopedia to help her read and write in English.

When Zoppi’s military career took her from Puerto Rico to the U.S., then to Germany, deployed to the Persian Gulf War, and then back to the U.S., she describes it as a multicultural shock.

“If you know about culture and accultur-

ation, you come to the United States, and it’s one culture. Then the military has another culture. Then you go to Europe. Then you go to war, another culture,” said Zoppi, who now resides in central Maryland.

Through it all, Zoppi maintained her Puerto Rican warmth and passion. The passion and love that Zoppi expresses exudes her through every aspect of her life. It’s part of her, she said.

In the last three decades, she has seen the military’s equal opportunity culture embrace diversity to reward excellence, no matter the Soldier’s background. She’s grateful that in her 32-year military career (she originally enlisted as a private in 1985 before being commissioned) she’s been able to hold onto her Puerto Rican heritage while serving in the military.

“I’m proud to be from Puerto Rico, because it’s home. Its language becomes part of your soul, your spirit… I’m a product of a hard working people. I’m a product of a lack of not having. I’m a product to want to dream to become the best… Everybody who is from Puerto Rico who experiences that, we look at each other and we don’t give up. Wherever you go, you will see Puerto Ricans bringing their flag, their music, their guitar, and we will be playing and sing-

ing because that’s part of our soul. We are proud to be Americans and we are proud to serve, and we believe in the American values,” she said.

She’s also grateful of having reached this rank as a woman because it shows that everyone has the same opportunity to excel in the Army.

“We’re all Soldiers. It’s not about being a woman or not. It’s about having the same opportunities as our counterparts who are male Soldiers to become who we want to become,” said Zoppi.

In fact, in her newest position, Zoppi isn’t the only female general officer in charge of the military police command. She will be working for Maj. Gen. Marion Garcia, who has been in command of the 200th for more than a year. Before Zoppi took the position, the previous deputy-commanding general was also a woman: Brig. Gen. Kelly Wakefield.

“When I was coming to the ranks as a lieutenant, I never saw that. I never had a female mentor. And I never thought I could become (a general). It’s important that the Army is showing all of these diverse (opportunities) — it’s not about gender differ-

ence. It’s about how we are all Soldiers, and grooming Soldiers that have the potential to become the best at their higher position to make our Army better,” she said.

By Master Sgt. Michel Sauret
94th Military Police Battalion Aims to Qualify

USAG-DAEGU - If it’s not raining, we aren’t training; a phrase well known to service members who know training does not stop for poor weather. Under grey skies and extremely wet conditions, U.S. Soldiers and Korean Augmentation to the United States Army with the 94th Military Police Battalion, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command sharpened their skills during heavy weapons qualifications that took place at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex, near Pocheon, Korea, August 23.

Steam rose in the air as rain pelleted the burning hot barrels of recently fired machine guns. Heavy rains did not dampen spirits or rounds sent down range as Soldiers fired and qualified on vehicle mounted grenade launchers, .50-caliber Browning machine guns, and other heavy weapons. They fired their machine guns utilizing the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station, a system that allows Soldiers to remain inside the vehicle utilizing a screen and controls to fire their weapons remotely.

One platoon, each from four of the battalion’s companies representing the 55th, 142nd, 557th, and the 188th, Military Police Companies from around the peninsula, converged on the live fire complex to train. This dynamic training event covered many aspects of the battalion’s mission essential tasks with the final portion of training entailing a heavy weapons qualification range. Maintaining proficiency on these tasks and heavy weapons utilization is paramount to the battalion’s readiness and mission.

“We constantly train to ensure all of our Soldiers are proficient, qualified, and ready to fight tonight,” said 1st Sgt. Henry J. Gardner, the 142nd MP Co. first sergeant, and a native of Knoxville, Tennessee. “Our training consists of long hours and a lot of demanding work, but it’s our responsibility to ensure our Soldiers are physically and mentally ready to fight and to be force multipliers in any world-wide contingency operation.”

Training and maintaining a constant state of readiness is something no military policeman takes lightly.

“We must always be prepared because the armistice means the war has technically not ended on the Korean peninsula,” said KATUSA Cpl. Jae Jeong Lim, a military policeman with the 142nd MP Co. and native of Gwanju, Korea. “As a gunner, handling these weapons is a basic and mandatory requirement of us and we must remain competent and ready.”

Weapons proficiency is a priority for every service member and even more so for Soldiers with occupational specialties that require more use of firepower like military police.

“If and when we go down range, knowing our assigned weapon system can be the difference between life and death or winning and losing,” said Pvt. Moses T. Reyes, a native of Las Vegas, Nevada and a military policeman with the 142nd MP Co. “I love training, I love my unit, and I love my fellow Soldiers, and being proficient at firing my assigned weapon helps me protect what I love.”

Soldiers of the battalion spent time perfecting their craft during the dynamic training event that lasted over two weeks. Leaders of the battalion crafted a training rotation that would keep every Soldier in the battalion qualified in various aspects of their military tasks and drills.

“This dynamic training event gave us an opportunity to train at the platoon, squad, and team level that we don’t normally have,” said 2nd Lt. Lewis MI Jackson, a platoon leader with the 142nd MP Co. and native of Bath, New York. “Our Soldiers are being validated on detention operations, roadblock and checkpoint operations, critical site security operations, and Chemical, Biological, Explosive, Radiological and Nuclear operations in addition to weapons qualifications,” he said.

The 94th MP Bn. mission is to maintain law and order on the peninsula with subordinate companies located across South Korea. The battalion rigorously trains to carry out their mission on a daily basis living up to the “Assist, Protect, Defend” military police corps motto.

Story by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Farina
LANSING, Mich., August 30, 2017 – The Lansing-based, Michigan National Guard’s 46th Military Police Command was reassigned the mission of providing command and control for the National Guard’s CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) response element. The response element is the only one of its kind in the National Guard and is one component of the Department of Defense’s overall crisis response enterprise which includes active duty and reserve forces along with members of the National Guard.

The 46th MP Command will provide command and control for approximately 5,000 members of the National Guard from units across the country, however the size of the response element is adjustable based on the size of the crisis. Units under the 46th bring numerous capabilities to assist in a disaster including chemical decontamination, firefighting, communication, ground and air based transportation and medical assistance.

“The 46th MP Command’s mission is to serve America on its worst day,” said Maj. Gen. Michael Stone, Commander of the 46th Military Police Command. “The members of my task force are trained and ready and committed to supporting the civilian responders who would also be called up in such an event and the public should sleep a little easier with that knowledge.”

The mission of providing command and control of the National Guard’s CBRN response elements previously belonged to the 46th MP Command and was recently reassigned back to the 46th. “I think the leadership of the Department of Defense knows the capability of the 46th,” said Stone, “and it makes great sense to put us back in charge of the CRE mission.”

To facilitate training and operating with units supporting the CRE mission, the 46th MP Command hosted a leadership readiness conference in Lansing in late August. This allowed representatives from units around the country to meet counterparts face to face and provide valuable information. “The relationships established here will pay huge dividends going forward”, said Stone.

LTC William Humes, 46th MP Command
Public Affairs
WASHINGTON — MG(R) Mark S. Inch has been tapped to lead the federal prison system, which will likely see its inmate population grow with Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ tough-on-crime policies.

Sessions announced Tuesday that retired Maj. Gen. Mark S. Inch would lead the federal Bureau of Prisons. He has 35 years of military service.

Sessions says Inch was a former military policeman who was head of the Army Corrections Command, among other positions. Sessions says that experience makes Inch “uniquely qualified” to oversee the federal prison system, a role he says is “critical.”

Inch most recently served as an Army adviser on policing issues, developing programs and policies related to the Army’s police organizations.

He was also commanding general of the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force 435 in Kabul, Afghanistan, responsible for “detainee operations.”

By Associated Press

The Military Police Corps Regiment’s rich history will soon be chronicled in a high quality leather bound history book that will include self-submitted biographies and pictures of individual MP Soldiers and Veterans. This never before published history book will serve generations past, present and future in preserving our history and traditions.

Current and veteran Military Police men and women of all ranks, components and military occupational specialties in the Military Police career management field are encouraged to submit their stories for publication. Widows, widowers, friends, and family members are also encouraged to send in biographical portraits and materials for their loved ones. The book is intended to include any and every MP interested in having their service recorded in this one of a kind publication. There is no cost to submit bios and pictures for the history book. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2017. The book will be published not later than September 30, 2018.

Biographies and brief vignettes are limited to up to 200 words and should provide an overview of the person’s military career and/or life after the military.

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They had been working all day in the heat to set up a 400-foot, multi-tent command post, plus five “GP Medium” tents for sleeping. Still, as the sun came down, Soldiers knew they had more work to do. They had cots to unpack and more training to complete before tucking into their sleeping bags for the night.

This is typical life in the field for U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers who train in austere environments throughout the summer. But for the 200th Military Police Command, it was their first field training exercise together as a unit since the command stood up in April 2008.

“The whole purpose of this annual training is to exercise our METL, or our ‘Mission Essential Task List.’ Our METL states we need to be able to deploy and redeploy as a unit. That means moving all of our equipment out to the field, setting up tents, setting up our communications … everything necessary to support a combatant commander,” said Col. William Vaughn, the chief of staff for the 200th MP Command.

Nobody would accuse a command-level staff of being a group of “grunts,” but they played the part as Soldiers of every rank pitched in to help: from private to colonel. Even Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Owens, the command’s senior enlisted leader with more than 30 years of service, stepped in line to unload cots from a truck. In the heat and humidity, he joined his troops to pass cots to Soldiers as they assembled and placed them inside tents.

“I’m from the old school,” said Owens. “If they see me working and see me get out here and sweat, I think it motivates these young Soldiers to keep going.”

The weeklong training took place at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, from July 29 to Aug. 4. During the exercise, the 200th MP Command staffs and its headquarters company set ambitious goals for themselves in case of a call to deploy. The main objective was to show
they could move as a command post from their home station to a mobilized location and work in a field environment.

If any group of military police could be called “strategic gurus,” it would be the 200th MP Command, which is the largest MP organization across the Department of Defense. During peacetime, the command is responsible for the logistics, training and administrative organization of 14,000 Soldiers, stationed in 150-plus units across 33 different states. That’s a lot of planning and strategy for “just” a bunch of MPs.

“The whole purpose for us being able to deploy to a large theater of operation is to serve as the military police experts. Operating at a platoon of MPs or a company of MPs is a whole lot different from being able to operate a theater of MPs,” said Vaughn.

If the call is ever made to deploy, the command can mobilize either as a whole headquarters or as split command posts specializing in military police missions. That means they would serve as the leading experts on detention operations, safeguarding displaced civilians, and maintaining law and order on military bases. Military police units at the company level also serve in “combat support” roles, which means they provide quick reaction teams, firepower and combat-ready Soldiers to fight alongside infantry units. At the command level, the 200th MP Command would oversee, guide and shape the support of thousands of MP Soldiers to serve the combatant commander in charge of a battlefield.

The 200th MP Command is training simply because it knows the reality of this complex world. Its military police Soldiers – and even its command-level staff – could deploy anywhere at any time.

“We want the American people to keep in mind, especially in the summertime, as they watch long convoys of vehicles going down the highway, those are Army Reserve units going to the field to train. The whole purpose of training is to make our readiness better to defend the American public … They’re doing it because it’s important to them to defend the security of this nation, and people can sleep well at night knowing that we have the best military in the world,” said Vaughn.

In addition to setting up a bivouac site, Soldiers from the 200th MP Command also conducted three gunnery ranges with the M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, M2 .50-cal Machine Gun and the MK19 Automatic Grenade Launcher. They received biometrics training for detention operations. Senior leaders from each staff section worked together on a real-world Military Decision Making Process exercise. Soldiers also trained on military radios (better known as SINCGARS), convoy operations, night vision goggles and more.

The week was so packed with training that most evenings leadership slept only three to four hours a night. Approximately 80 Soldiers and leaders participated this time, which ran everyone thin on accomplishing so much in such a short period of time. The goal is to have another field training exercise in nine months, but twice as long in duration and with twice as many Soldiers.

“The more we go out to the field, the more we run convoys, the more we set up command tents, the better we’re going to be. The goal is to get more and more repetitions. That way we can become better as a unit,” said Owens.

By Master Sgt. Michel Sauret,
200th Military Police Command
SOLDIER’S MEDAL
Soldier Honored for Saving Man’s Life

Maj. Gen. Thomas James Jr., left, 7th ID commanding general, awards Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jesse Rhymes the Soldier’s Medal on July 13.

Imagine you’re driving on a winding rural Thurston County road. It’s raining Jan. 16, 2016, and about 9 p.m.

The driver in front of you is driving fast and loses control of his vehicle. He flips over four or five times before the car comes to a rest upside down in the ditch. The engine of the car bursts into flames.

What would you do?

That wasn’t even a question for Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jesse Rhymes, who quickly called 911 on his cellphone and rushed to the vehicle to assess the situation, see how many occupants were inside and what were the injuries.

Rhymes’ quick thinking and heroism resulted in the victim surviving and Rhymes receiving the Soldier’s Medal at a ceremony at Evergreen Chapel on Lewis Main July 13.

The Soldier’s Medal was introduced in 1926 and is sparingly awarded to any person of the armed forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, is distinguished by heroism in a noncombat event.

“This is an absolute honor for me,” said Maj. Gen. Thomas James Jr., 7th Infantry Division commanding general, as he officiated the ceremony. “This is a really, really big deal. Not many people receive this award.”

James talked of Rhymes’ actions and the importance of service members being ready to impulsively take care of each other, on or off the battlefield.

“With total disregard for personal safety, (Rhymes) said, ‘I’m in,’” James said.

Although no Soldier aims to receive an award such as this, it was humbling and an honor to be singled out, Rhymes said.

“I just did what any Soldier would do,” he said. “I just knew if I didn’t go in, (the victim) wasn’t going to make it out.’

The front of the vehicle was fast filling with smoke, Rhymes said. The victim’s legs were trapped, and there was no way to extricate him from the driver’s side of the vehicle. So, Rhymes crawled through the passenger side window of the upside-down car.

“When the flames started coming through the windshield, I was hoping it wasn’t going to blow,” the soft-spoken Soldier said.

Rhymes managed to get the victim and himself out of the car and to safety. He administered first aid until emergency responders arrived. By then, the entire car was engulfed in flames, which firefighters were able to extinguish, Rhymes said.

The victim was transported to a nearby hospital, and Rhymes drove himself home. During the ordeal, Rhymes managed to call his wife and let her know he’d be late for dinner.

When he arrived home, he was covered in his own blood, from glass he’d crawled through in the vehicle. Although his wife, Sally, said she was shocked to see her husband in that condition, she wasn’t surprised he’d perform such an heroic act.

“That’s just the kind of person he is,” she said. “I thought he was a little crazy crawling into a burning vehicle, but he’s a wonderful person, a wonderful husband and a wonderful father. I’m proud, very proud of him.”

Rhymes is now a special agent in charge of the CID Presidio of Monterey office in Monterey, Calif.

Rhymes and his wife have two children, Katelyn, 9, and Jacob, 6, who also attended the ceremony. Katelyn said she was really proud of her dad and glad he was OK after saving a man’s life.

“He’s my hero,” she said.

By Ruth Kingsland, Northwest Guardian

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The Military Police Regimental Association (MPRA) is in the process of creating a MP Spouse Spotlight for our blog on our website that will also be shared on our various social media platforms. We would like for you to share your experience and “words of wisdom” with us and the spouses across the MP Regiment. Below is a list of questions that have come to mind.

Questionnaire:
• Tell us about yourself
• How long have you been an MP Spouse?
• What activities have you been involved in as an MP Spouse?
• What recommendations would you give a new MP Spouse?
• What is your favorite memory as an MP spouse?
• What do you do - tell us about your career?
• What has been your favorite duty station and why?
• If you have children, what do you all like to do as a family and how do you make time for family?
• What are your hobbies - what do you do to stay busy?
• If you could visit any place in the world, where would you go and why?

Please send your responses or inquiries to Beth at the following:
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We thank you for your support as we recognize the backbone of your MP Soldier/Leader.

Military Police spouses are an incredibly important part of the regiment. Their unwavering support of their Soldiers who are called to increasingly difficult missions is demanding and challenging. We appreciate all they do and we have plans to begin featuring them regularly on our blog.

We are honored to have both Mrs. Melissa Quantock and Mrs. Ivonne Willis as our first 2 featured MP Spouses. They can attest to the challenges, but provide insight into all the great opportunities that come with being an MP Spouse. We are thankful for their service hope they enjoyed our new feature.

Will the next Spotlight be on you?

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The North Carolina Army National Guard held a deactivation ceremony for the 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade’s 1132nd Military Police Company August 6, 2017 at the NCARNG armory in Rocky Mount, N.C.

The deactivation is part of a nationwide U.S. Army and National Guard force reduction and reorganization plan.

“The 1132nd’s deactivation will not end our commitment to serving the state in times of need and disaster,” said Brig. Gen. John Byrd, the NCARNG Assistant Adjutant General for Domestic Operations.

The event was anything but a sad affair. Had it not been for the 20-minute-long ceremony, a passerby might have thought that the 1132nd was hosting an MP reunion. Although the guest list included a number of civilian and military officials, the number of friends, family, and former 1132nd members nearly outnumbered the uniformed personnel in attendance.

For nearly an hour before and after the ceremony, past and present MPs could be seen meeting old friends, laughing together, and swapping stories.

“I keep in touch with a lot of the guys...this brings back a lot of memories,” said retired Sgt. 1st Class Fred Brown, a former retention noncommissioned officer and recruiter for the 1132nd. Brown’s son and Capt. Joshua Meekins, the 1132nd’s current commander were cadets together in the Eastern Carolina University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. “This closes a chapter for all of us,” reflected Brown.

While the unit was only activated in 2002, they’ve left behind a legacy any NG soldier could be proud of. December 12, 2007 the company deployed to Iraq for nine months to assist the Iraqi Police Service with training and oversight of police operations in southeast Baghdad where they suffered five casualties and more than a dozen injuries.

“I’m proud of what we did over there,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Shaffer, the 1132nd’s readiness NCO and one of the founding members of the unit. “I think we made a big difference while we were there.”

During the unit’s 15-year life it’s assisted state and local law enforcement agencies on numerous occasions including four hurricanes. In 2016 they were activated to assist in the Charlotte riots and again just ten days later during Hurricane Matthew.

Of the almost 150 soldiers in the 1132nd, nearly all have already been reassigned to other NCARNG MP units, decided to reclassify to other job specialties in the Guard, or transfer to active duty or the reserves, or retire.

The 1132nd maintained three armories in Mount Olive, Tarboro, and Rocky Mount. All three will close within the next 6-9 months and be transferred to the State Property Office for final divestiture.

“I love my unit,” boasted Shaffer. “When it’s all said and done it’s something to be proud of.

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Shaw, 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

The North Carolina Army National Guard’s 1132nd Military Police Company stands at attention during the deactivation ceremony of the 1132nd in Rocky Mount, N.C., August 6, 2017. The unit supported civilian emergency services in 2016 during the riots in Charlotte, N.C., and again just ten days later during Hurricane Matthew. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Shaw, 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade/Released)
Michigan National Guard General Promoted, Takes Command of 46th MP Command

LANSING, Mich., June 27, 2017– Michael Stone was promoted to Major General and assumed command of the 46th Military Police Command in a recent ceremony. He will continue to serve as the Assistant to the Adjutant General for Installations, and the Deputy Director of the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, the Adjutant General and the Director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, said Stone exemplifies the true qualities of Army leadership.

“General Stone has shown himself to be what an officer should be through his dedication to his work and his professionalism,” said Vadnais. “His efforts in cyber security, energy and resilience, and veteran and youth employment have been invaluable to the Michigan National Guard and to the State of Michigan.”

Upon his commissioning in 1989, Stone was designated the Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Detroit Reserve Officer Training Corps. In his 29 years of service, he has deployed three times. His previous assignments include commanding the 1776th Military Police Company and the 1st Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment, and served as the Deputy Brigade Commander of the 177th Military Police Brigade. Notably, Stone served as the Director of the Joint Staff and completed a short tour as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Sustainability.

Stone possesses a Bachelor of Arts in history, cum laude, from the University of Detroit, a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United State War College, a Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and is an experienced trial and corporate lawyer.

The Lansing-based 46th Military Police Command is a two-star command assigned by the Department of Defense as a major element of its specialized force designed to respond to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents in the United States.

Major General Stone acts as co-chair for the City of Detroit’s Workforce Development Board, serves on the Executive Council for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Protect and Grow Strategy, and is member of Governor Rick Snyder’s Cyber Executive Team. Stone and his wife, Elisabeth, have two daughters, Libby and Katie.
Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers of the 1186th Military Police Company, based out of Salem, Oregon, have demonstrated camaraderie, professionalism and competence during their mobilization training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the McGregor Training Complex in Chaparral, New Mexico. The unit is preparing for a scheduled nine-month deployment to Afghanistan to provide Protective Service Detail (PSD).

Staff Sgt. Jonathon Carter, who is an Observer-Controller-Trainer (OCT) for the 1186th, said they were prepared when they got to Fort Bliss. “They came in pretty prepared, they were together and have been training already, whereas most units that come through haven’t,” Carter explained. “They’re doing great actually.”

Sgt. Kenneth Clark, from Springfield, Oregon, a shift leader with unit, said they have been getting ready for more than a year to provide security and convoy support for dignitaries and high ranking officials. He said the 1186th trained at State of Oregon: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in addition to a variety of other training.

“A good chunk of our individuals here have gone to the PSD school out at Fort Leonard Wood,” said Clark. “It’s a three-week course for this mission, and we brought back what we learned there to train the ones who haven’t gone.”

Clark said the unit is the only Military Police unit in the state and many of the people who are in it have been there for a long time, “A lot of the relationships are really close-knit, so it’s a secondary family for a lot of us.”

Sgt. Desiree Henrich, who is originally from Indiana and now living in Salem, Oregon, hasn’t been in the unit as long as some, but agreed that it has a special camaraderie. She said it is her first deployment, and even though she is excited and a little nervous, she is confident in the people she is going with. “We’re like a family, these are very nice people. I have been with the same people for the last year, so we’re really cohesive and help each other out all the time,” Henrich said.

The 1186th commander, Capt. Richard Smith, said he is proud of the character and competence of his unit. “They consistently adapt and they really do want to do good,” he said. “Ever since last year they’ve taken on this mission as a profession, they’ve all done an excellent job gaining understanding of this mission, applying all of their attention to it, and training to the best of their ability.”

By Sgt. Cory Grogan,
41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team
1. Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers of the 1186th Military Police Company practice procedures for taking contact during a Personal Security Detail convoy escort mission. The 1186th is preparing for a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.


3. Members of the 1186th Military Police Company train to provide Personal Security Detail, June 29, 2017, at the McGregor Training Complex in Chapparal, New Mexico, to prepare for a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan.


Train as you would fight

The 591st Military Police Company out of Fort Bliss, Texas conducted the Law Enforcement Weapons Training and Qualification, or LEWTAQ range, August 17th on Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

LEWTAQ is the MP corps’ new Military Occupational Specialty standard for weapons qualification, said 1st Lt. Derek Drouin, the Multinational Battle Group - East deputy provost marshal and platoon leader of the 591st MP Co. All MP Soldiers will need to qualify through the LEWTAQ starting October 1, 2017. MPs who cannot pass the qualification can potentially be reclassed into another MOS.

The purpose and importance for the implementation of the LEWTAQ is apparent to Drouin.

“The new LEWTAQ range will better prepare our MPs to engage in a real life situation,” said Drouin.

The LEWTAQ is very different from the Army standard M4 carbine and M9 pistol qualification, as described by Drouin. There are 12 firing iterations for the rifle and 11 iterations for the pistol. These iteration tables vary with the distance of firing lines ranging from 3 to 50 meters, movement of the firer and weapons transitions. They also incorporate weapons failure drills, shot locations on target and time restrictions.

“You’re timed with an extremely limited amount of time,” said Drouin. “Some of the tables are only 1.5 seconds in order to get two shots off. That includes drawing from the holster.”

Drouin detailed examples for the differences in grading for the LEWTAQ. For time, if rounds hit on target after the buzzer, then the grader will not count those rounds. For shot location on target, certain firing iterations differentiate between the head and the body of the target. There is an iteration that challenges the firer to shoot the head once and the body twice. If the firer shoots the body once and the head twice, then that misplaced round will not count.

“Challenging. That’s a good description for the new LEWTAQ. It’s very challenging,” said Spc. Jesus Avalos, the MNBG-East desk sergeant out of the 591st MP Co.

Avalos firmly believes that the LEWTAQ will greatly benefit the MP corps because it forces firers to react with their weapons during split second situations. He said the standard weapons qualifications allows for firers take their time with their rifle pressed against a sand bag or stabilizing themselves in the kneeling position. The LEWTAQ introduces a real-world aspect of stress, movement and time.

“In real life you’re not going to have that time to sit there and assess the situation,” explained Avalos. “Sometimes it’s going to be a split-second decision.”

For Sgt. Javon Gray, squad leader for the 591st MP Co., the LEWTAQ is vital for the MP corps due to the unpredictable and potentially dangerous nature of law enforcement duties. The new standard of qualification demands skilled execution.

“When I think of LEWTAQ, I think train as you fight,” said Gray.

Gray is phase-two, special reaction team certified which means he is trained at the marksman level of sniper and is skilled in tactics used by police SWAT teams.

The LEWTAQ developed out of the weapons training conducted by advanced MP schools such as SRT, Gray explained. His prior weapons experience involving the concepts behind the LEWTAQ has allowed for him to help the Soldiers who are experiencing this demanding level of shooting for the first time.

Gray said he shared a lot of knowledge-based tips involving proven basic techniques for holding a rifle, how to breathe during these stress-inducing firing iterations and how to adjust the body for a more aggressive and stable shooting posture.

They are the skills for beyond the four fundamentals of marksmanship and Gray is a subject matter expert. He stresses the importance of practicing these skills for first responders who someday may have to react to a threat in real time.

An active shooter event is what comes to Gray’s mind when having to utilize LEWTAQ level weapons skills.

“Once you come in contact with an active shooter, you’re not just going to go into the prone supported,” said Gray.

“You’re going to react to contact standing or walking toward the objective.”

With the LEWTAQ going into effect for fiscal year 2018 as the standard for MPs across the Army, the 591st MP Co. is ahead of the curve.

Out of the 11 MPs who shot the LEWTAQ, 4 of them qualified on expert, according to Drouin.

“I feel confident knowing that the Soldiers I’m going to have in the future are all going to be expert marksmen,” said Drouin. “Even if they don’t necessarily qualify expert on LEWTAQ, they’re going to be a lot better at shooting than someone who is just shooting the old qualifications.”

By Staff Sgt. Nicholas Farina
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Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif. — The ground was so hard that the U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers broke five mallets while pounding tent pegs into the dirt. The heat climbed above 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and even though it was a dry heat, it caused the dust to fly around and settle on the Soldiers from their eyebrows down to their bootstraps.

Undeterred, the Soldiers of the 384th Military Police Battalion pushed ahead with their Warrior Exercise, also known as WAREX, during their training in California this month. But the difficult terrain and the heat were not the only obstacles facing the troops.

WAREX, which stands for Warrior Exercise, is a cyclical training event designed to evaluate U.S. Army Reserve brigades, battalions and companies in their specific functional areas.

When the battalion traveled from Indiana to California for the WAREX — a cyclical training event designed to evaluate U.S. Army Reserve units in their specific functional areas — the Soldiers thought they knew the strict parameters of their mission. They had been planning for months to rehearse their battalion’s typical function: detention operations for enemy prisoners of war.

Except, without warning, the mission changed when they arrived at the WAREX. Instead of guarding hundreds of prisoners, the Soldiers of the 384th were now tasked with feeding and housing thousands of displaced civilians.

“We’re equipped to in-process 550 people a day. But on one day, busloads of 800 people showed up as an ‘inject.’ We had to move into accelerated in-processing,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Adamson, the 384th Military Police Battalion commander.

Thankfully, those numbers were “notional,” but for the battalion staff it didn’t make much of a difference. They still had to react and execute planning as if 800 human beings had just showed up on their installation. This tested the battalion’s battle staff procedures, decision-making, communication and logistics — all while being required to pack up and move their tactical operational spaces in the middle of their exercise.

“We didn’t have a playbook for this kind of mission, so we’re building one on the fly,” said Adamson.

It is fortuitous timing that the playbook is being written now, before the team enters a real theater of war. A “prisoner operation” versus a “life support” mission are significantly different tasks, but both are very real possibilities in a war zone.

In the last 15 years of fighting, U.S. troops have fought mainly in counter-insurgency operations, often known as “asymmetric warfare.” Now, the Army wants to maintain that knowledge and awareness, but also return to its roots of fighting “near-peer” enemies, such as organized military forces.

“We’ve been dealing with insurgent type activity (for so long). When you start thinking about linear battlefield and uniformed enemy, it’s totally different,” said Maj. Travis Gilbert, officer in charge of operations for the 384th Military Police Battalion.

“Our focus has always been, ‘Eyes in. Guns in,’ while watching detainees, to now the mission changes with displaced civilians: ‘Eyes out. Guns out. Provide security.’ Just a huge mindset change,” said Gilbert.

In such a scenario, when a war first breaks out, there will be thousands of civilians whose homes, schools, hospitals and infrastructure are destroyed. They will need shelter, food, medical aid and care.

“Someone has to take care of them. That’s a huge partnership we have with civil affairs, to provide life support and meet their physical needs,” said Adamson.

The battalion also trained in logistical operations, setting up their own sleeping structures and operation centers, to mimic the type of rapid logistical work they would have to do in a real-time operation.

Despite the 180-degree shift in their training mission and mindset, the Soldiers of the 384th Military Police Battalion responded with the physical and mental acuity and flawless teamwork that not only will help them complete the training exercise, but will also serve them well in a real-life combat situation.

By Master Sgt. Michel Sauret
U.S. Army Reserve military police Soldiers from the 339th Military Police Company (Combat Support), headquartered in Davenport, Iowa, had to relocate their tactical assembly areas in the field multiple times as they reconnoitered different areas of their operational environment, while fighting against temperatures reaching 100-plus degrees daily. (U.S. Army Reserve photos by Master Sgt. Michel Sauret)
Earlier this year, special agents and investigators from the 62nd Military Police Detachment (CID), Fort Drum CID Office, Fort Drum, N.Y., hosted the Fort Drum Cub Scout Pack 26 at the Fort Drum CID Office.

The event was a continuation in partnership between the Fort Drum CID Office and the Fort Drum Cub Scouts for the Scouts to learn about law enforcement, investigations and forensics. The Cub Scouts needed to visit a law enforcement facility as part of their requirement to earn the Wolf Badge.

The Cub Scouts under the leadership of Den Leader CPT Jeremy Brooks, arrived at the CID Office and were met by a Team of CID Special Agents and drug investigators under the leadership of SA Matthew Allen, the general crime team chief.

The Cub Scouts were briefed on CID’s mission and the capabilities of CID. After the initial brief the Scouts received their first investigation assignment.

“Any time we can help facilitate these organizations is a great opportunity to support the community. Not only are we helping the Cub Scouts, but we are also helping our organization. Many of the parents who attend with the Scouts are often Senior NCO’s or commanders. Demonstrating what we do as CID also provides them with insight on the investigative process and continues the rapport between CID and unit leadership,” said Allen.

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The Cub Scouts were given an assignment to help the Fort Drum CID Office investigate a larceny of Cub Scout popcorn from the CID Office.

The Scouts were broken down into investigative teams and led through different stages of crime scene processing where they conducted hands on practical applications in identifying and collecting evidence.

Stage one, under the direction and supervision of SA Judd Leinum, Economic Crimes Team, the Scouts were taught about tool mark impressions and the importance of obtaining impressions. The Scouts then collected the tool mark impression from a cut lock off of the storage locker utilizing AccuTrans.

“The training conducted by the Fort Drum CID Office enabled the Cub Scouts to hone their critical thinking and problem solving skills in a mock case while exposing them to actual investigative tools and techniques we use to solve real crimes out in the field. It was rewarding being able to give back to our great community as well as inspire the Scouts to pursue a career in Federal law enforcement,” said Leinum.

At stage two, the Scouts were taken outside and briefed on obtaining cast and impressions in the snow. Under the direction and supervision of SA Kristen Stewart and SA Julia Hansen, general crimes team, the Scouts collected the “suspects” footprint left behind in the snow utilizing dental stone and hardening spray designed specifically for snow impressions.

“It was great to strengthen my skills as a criminal investigator while fostering a positive relationship with the younger generation in the community,” said Hansen.

Stage three the Scouts were introduced to latent prints and the use of Alternate Light Sources, known as ALS. Special agent Donald Permenter and Investigator Alexis Roubanian demonstrated the use of florescent and contrasting powders along with ALS to develop latent prints and the Scouts worked to identifying and collect the prints.

The final stage, Investigators Jose Figueroa and Zachery Reynolds discussed Locard’s exchange principle. The Scouts were brought into the crime scene where they were given three minutes to observe and document the crime scene. Investigators then either added or removed items from the scene and the Scouts were brought back in to identify the discrepancies.

At the conclusion of the exercises the Cub Scouts were brought back to the briefing room and discussed what they learned and presented their evidence. In the end the Cub Scouts were able to identify the unknown subject and recover the stolen popcorn.

“It was really fun being able to be a detective for an evening,” said Uriah McFadden, Cub Scout Pack 26, Fort Drum, N.Y. “My favorite part was figuring out the weapon used to steal the popcorn.”

The event demonstrated the commitment CID has with its community and support to civic organizations like the Cub Scouts.

“The Scouts being able to experience what a CID Agent does is enlightening and a fun field trip,” said Katie McFadden, committee chairman leader. “The visit allowed them to learn about the process of investigating and work toward their Wolf Rank.”

“Working with the Cub Scouts is not only great for building relations within the community, but reminding the community we are there for them,” added Stewart. “We take pride in caring for those around us, and that is demonstrated through giving our time to them.”

By SA Matthew Allen, Fort Drum CID Office
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The Military Police Corps in the Great War

On 6 April 1917, America declared war against Germany and this calendar year marks the centennial anniversary of America’s involvement in the “Great War.” The First World War represents a defining moment in our nation’s history... since the end of the Revolutionary War, the United States had embraced a long-standing tradition that avoided political entanglements and military alliances with European nations. Thus, for the first time in our national existence, the United States Army mobilized a large expeditionary force to wage an overseas war against a formidable continental opponent which would compel extraordinary changes across the entire force structure of the US Army... and it was the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) that provided the decisive margin necessary to secure victory for the Allies!

From the end of the Civil War until America’s entry in World War I, there was a conspicuous absence of formally organized military police-type formations within the US Army – although commanders during this extended period of time often detailed selected officers and men to perform a limited range of law and order responsibilities. It was during the “Great War” that the foundations and legacy of a modern, professional Military Police Corps originated... and Congress would authorize, under wartime legislation, the establishment of a Military Police Corps... for the duration of the national emergency. To conduct law enforcement and military police operations, the Army organized formations at both the War Department level (now the Department of Defense) and in the field. On 13 June 1917, Major General Enoch H. Crowder, the Judge Advocate General of the Army, was concurrently appointed as the Provost Marshal General of the Army. He is best remembered as the architect of the Selective Service System and it was the Provost Marshal General’s Office that administered the Selective Service Act. On 11 May 1918, the War Department created another military organization on the Army staff – the Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

In July 1917, a provost marshal was appointed to the general staff of the American Expeditionary Forces as an advisor on provost marshal and military police matters. On 20 September 1917, General John J. Pershing named Brigadier General Harry Hill Bandholtz to this post – a position that Bandholtz would hold until 1919. In November 1918, Bandholtz was directed to organize a CID within the Military Police Corps for the purpose of detecting and preventing crimes within the AEF’s area of operations. During the war, the AEF would organize military police units in sixty-one separate divisions and in July 1918, Pershing received permission to organize military police units in each corps and army with additional companies assigned to various sections of the Service of Supply, the Training Depot, and “to tactical units as may be necessary.” The Military Police Corps of the AEF was comprised of the following:
Military Police Division; POW Division; Criminal Investigation Division; and Circulation Division. In the months following the end of hostilities, the AEF would include military police battalions in each of its three armies with a fourth battalion attached to GHQ, American Expeditionary Forces, located at Chaumont, France.

The Military Police Corps performed all those functions as in previous wars with some significant modifications. During World War I, the volume of enemy prisoners of war (EPWs) represented a major challenge to the Army’s traditional method of processing prisoners. In previous wars, EPWs had been kept primarily for exchange purposes and thus, were held for short durations. During World War I, Escort Guard Companies were responsible for the charge and custody of 48,280 prisoners. Another functional area that required a major effort on the part of Military Police was traffic control. Inadequate infrastructure combined with the effects of weather and enemy artillery and aerial attacks exasperated traffic control operations... and with the use of both horse-drawn and motor transport systems, main supply routes (MSRs) were heavily congested. During major offensive and counteroffensive operations, traffic control and straggler control were essential for sustaining mobility and maintaining command and control of friendly forces. Military Police units also played a key role in providing Rear Area Security and safeguarding supplies and equipment.

Equally important, Bandholtz (drawing on his experience with the Philippine Constabulary) actively sought to professionalize the Military Police Corps. Under his mentorship, the Caserne Changarnier opened at Autun, France, on 9 September 1918, and was officially referred to as the Military Police Training Department. This school graduated a class of officers and enlisted men every two weeks and during its abbreviated existence, more than 4,000 students successfully completed a program of specialized instruction. Although his proposal for a permanent Military Police Corps was rejected by Congress, progress was achieved through the National Defense Act of 1920... which would ultimately see the Military Police Corps recognized as a permanent branch of the Army on 26 September 1941... and for his tireless endeavors, Harry Hill Bandholtz is widely-regarded as “the Father of the Military Police Corps.”

Story by Ronney Z. Miller, USAMPS/MPCR Historian
ARTIFACT FEATURETTE:

**Historic Uniform Finds Home at Museum**

The MP Museum recently acquired a significant uniform grouping that includes very rare examples of early military police distinctive markings. The uniform and associated artifacts were those of PFC Paul Burdick, 6th M.P. Company, 52nd Infantry Regiment, 6th Infantry Division. The red tabs and red hatband on the uniform were prescribed for military police on duty in the American Expeditionary Forces (see sidebar). While the museum has several other World War I period service coats with red tabs, the Burdick cap with the red band is the only existing example that MP museum staff are aware of at this time.

01 Photograph, standing portrait of Paul Burdick
02 ID tag set and Red Cross bag
03 Detail from the coat: whistle on chain with single ID disk
04 Pattern 1918 service coat with pattern 1917 dismounted breeches and MP brassard. The coat features military police red collar tabs, an MP brassard, and the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 6th Division.
Pattern 1912 Service cap, enlisted, with red band

Model 1917 trench helmet. Produced in 1918 by the Worchester Pressed Steel Company. This example features three holes in the brim on each side that were for the attachment of a Wilmer Eye Shield. The eye shield was never fielded and the 35,000 helmets produced with the special holes were simply incorporated into the general inventory.

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Special Distinguishing Markings for Military Police

Red Tabs and Hat Bands, World War I

While MP armbands or brassards were prescribed for on-duty military police as early as 1914, additional identifiers were prescribed for MPs of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during and immediately following World War I. At this time, the Military Police Corps did not have a distinguishing branch insignia. Red tabs for officer and enlisted military policemen were prescribed in General Order 152, 10 September 1918. In addition to the red tabs, red hatbands for service (and campaign) hats were prescribed in the 1919 “Manual for the Provost Marshal General Department.” Neither reference dictates whether the use of the tabs and hatbands is limited to on-duty service, except for CID soldiers.

Excerpt from the 1919 Provost Marshal General Department Manual:

“Enlisted men will wear service hats, with a plain one-inch wide red band. Where it is impossible to secure service hats, overseas caps will be worn, without the red band. The strip of red cloth prescribed below will be worn on the overseas cap, on the left side, sewn lengthwise, with front end one inch from the front median line of the cap, and bottom three-quarters of an inch from the lower edge of cap.

Officers and men will wear a strip of red cloth, 2 inches long and 1 1/4 inches wide, rounded at the corners, sewn on the collar lengthwise, 1 inch from each end of the collar and midway between the upper and lower edges of the collar, with the regulation letters “U. S.” in the case of officers, and with the regulation button collar insignia.”
Three years ago, when the Military Police Regimental Association announced our annual scholarship winners, Torri Lunceford was not simply grateful that she had been named a recipient...she took it as a challenge.

After serving four years as a Military Police Soldier and marrying her husband, Captain (P) Larie Lunceford (currently serving as the S3 for United States Army Protective Services Battalion), Torri left the Army in 2000 and began taking college courses when she could fit them into her schedule. Over the last several years, she’s also raised two children, Trey and Bailey, worked as an office manager and a Parent to Parent trainer with the Military Child Education Coalition, and held several volunteer positions.

In 2014, with her son in high school, Torri decided that it was time to make her education a priority and demonstrate to her children, through her actions, the importance of achieving a lifelong dream: obtaining her bachelor’s degree.

“When I received the scholarship, it was a huge motivator for me. I wanted to show my kids that education is important and I knew that there were people who applied for a scholarship and didn’t receive it. I didn’t want to disappoint the organization. I wanted them to know that they made the right choice,” said Lunceford.

After spending time working as an emergency medical technician in an emergency room and volunteering on an ambulance, Torri chose to pursue a career in healthcare administration. After trying a few online schools prior to receiving the scholarship, she found a home at the University of Phoenix. The class structure fit her schedule and made it possible for her to make solid progress toward her goal. She also appreciated the assistance and advice given by the advisors at the University of Phoenix.

Despite some bumps at the end of her educational journey, Torri recently received notice that she was approved for graduation. This great news, combined with her husband recently making the Major promotion list and her son graduating from high school earlier this year, was the icing on the cake for the Lunceford family.

“2017 has been a great year for our family. It’s hard to believe we’ll have two graduates in one year,” said Lunceford.

Torri will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Management on August 12, though she will not complete her final class until November 27. She recently ordered her cap and gown and plans to walk in the University of Phoenix graduation ceremony at the Verizon Center in Washington D.C.

As she prepares to begin interviewing for jobs with her new degree, she is also looking for ways to give back after receiving so much assistance on her educational quest. She was recently added to the University of Phoenix Veterans Advisory Council and is excited about the opportunity to provide guidance and insight to the university as they seek to better service our nation’s service members and their families.

We send our congratulations to Torri and the entire Lunceford family on their significant accomplishments! We are proud to have them as part of our MPRA family!

If you have received an MPRA scholarship and would like to update us on your educational progress, please send us an email at: mpra1941@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

By Erin Kaberline
Dear Military Police Regimental Association,

I am the only child of Daylin and Harry Rosario. I moved to Waynesville, Missouri from Puerto Rico when I was 12 years old and spoke no English. The reason we moved to the United States was because my father is a Active Duty MP. Now 5 years later I am trilingual and the first one in my family to attend a University in the United States.

I will be attending Missouri State University in the Fall of 2017 to major in Exercise and Movement Science with a minor in French. I visited the campus during my sophomore year at Waynesville High School twice. Ever since I loved that the staff was friendly and willing to help. I also loved the campus in general and how engaged the university wants you to be.

During college I plan to be part of the Bear Battalion Army ROTC program, participate in Maroon Madness, run for a Student Government position, join a sorority and Study Away in Spain or France.

I chose to major in Exercise and Movement Science because I want to become a Physical Therapist. My minor will be in French and I will also be taking Military Science courses. I want to minor in French since it's my third language. Although my minor is in French, my goal is to learn multiple languages. Since I'll be going into the medical field in the military I will have a diversity of patients and I want to be able to help them without any language barriers and make them feel comfortable.

After college I want to become a physical therapist and be part of the United States Army Reserves. However, before achieving my dream, I have to get my doctorate degree in physical therapy and commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Reserves.

I want to thank the MPRA for selecting me to receive a scholarship and helping me financially. I also want to thank my family and friends for always believing in me and helping me achieve my dreams.

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The United States Army Military Police School hosted the bi-annual National Law Enforcement Explorers Academy at Fort Leonard Wood for a group of 30 young people, ages 14 to 20, during the week of July 16 through 22.

According to 1st Lt. Charles Boykin, assistant operations officer, 701st Military Police Battalion, USAMPS has been hosting explorers since 2007.

Boykin said the goal was for these explorers to “walk away with a positive experience about the Army and the Military Police Corps, encouraging them to want to pursue a career in law enforcement.”

The explorers were given hands-on training that set Fort Leonard Wood apart from the other four national academies, which include the Drug Enforcement Agency, United States Marshals and the United States Secret Service.

“This academy is one of the best,” said Xaimara Pereira, national recruiter, U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Puerto Rico, explaining “(Fort Leonard Wood) is the only one with the hands-on experience and the Army experience.”

Pereira has been a sponsor for NLEEA for several years. She was an explorer as a teenager starting in 1995. This is her second time being a sponsor for the Fort Leonard Wood academy.

Training included weapons training, defense tactics, active shooter training, evasive driving, warrior tower and Criminal Investigative Division overview.

Marine Sgt. David Morales, active shooter instructor, Basic Military Police Training Division, said as part of active shooter training the explorers used M4s and blanks. Drill sergeants role-played to simulate a real case. Morales said the goal in his class was for the explorers to hone in on situational awareness and teamwork.

“Essentially, what we want is for them to understand the concepts and overviews,” Morales said. He went on to say his hope is for the explorers to walk away knowing “how they can be effective, overall, in a short amount of time.”

For Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kelly Jameson, Crime Scene Investigation and Forensics Branch chief, it was more of a personal message he wanted the explorers to get.

“I want them to open their eyes to the world around them,” Jameson said. “If they see injustice, I want them to stand up for each other.”

During their three hours at the forensic science training facility, explorers were given an inside look at cases Jameson has personally worked. He walked them through investigations and shared with them that it takes more than training to do this work.

Jameson said he wants them to know “if they are truly interested in law enforcement, what it is going to take to get to that point.” He took the time to answer questions about law enforcement education, how to achieve goals and specific cases.

“This makes me want to join the Army just to give back,” explorer Moses Posey said following Jameson’s presentation.

Many explorers said their week at Fort Leonard Wood provided new perspectives.

For some, it opened their eyes to new opportunities. For others, like Kyle Davis, it affirmed their desires to pursue a career in law enforcement. Davis said he recently graduated high school and had plans to attend community college. He stated he was having a great time at Fort Leonard Wood.

“Even if the drill sergeants are being hard on us, I have learned a lot from them. I am so glad I chose to come to this academy,” he said.

After this experience, Davis said he is considering a career in the military police.

“We didn’t hold back. If you get into law enforcement, this is what you will see,” Boykin said.

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In May, Military police units from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri joined with local law enforcement agencies and executed the largest Regional Torch Run in Special Olympics history exceeding the previous year's record of 1100 runners. As we were leaving the PT field that day in 2016 having set was what then the record, RSCM Richard Woodring commented "well done, now next year we need to go bigger." So on May 24th 2017 we assembled 1300 law enforcement officers led by the command teams of the MP Regiment (BG Vereen, RSCM Breckenridge, and RCWO Fitz) and Fort Leonard Wood MSCoE (MG Savre and CSM Stanley) and carried the Special Olympics Torch on a 7.75 mile run from St Robert Missouri onto Fort Leonard Wood and finishing at the 795th Military Police Battalion’s PT field. A new record. We raised the bar once again.

Military units participating were HHC, 14th MP Brigade, 701st, 787th 795th MP Battalions, 252nd MP Company, and the USMC Detachment. Local law enforcement agencies that participated included St James, St Robert, Waynesville, Rolla Police Departments, Department of Conservation, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Soldiers from the 14th MP Brigade ranged in time of service from 1 week to 18 weeks in the Army. You’re probably saying there is no way one week Soldiers can run 7.75 miles and you’d be correct. So we came up with the concept for the run that it’s not how we start but how we finish. With that we decided to establish staging areas along the route where units could join the formation. Distances ranged from 7.75 miles (entire route) to 4.5, 2.5 and 1.5 miles. This allowed all runners at different levels of fitness to participate. And when all units had joined the formation for the last leg and all wearing orange torch run shirts it truly was a sea of orange and an awesome sight to see running down Constitution Avenue.

So what are Special Olympics and what is the Torch Run? Special Olympics transforms lives through joy of sport, every day, everywhere. It is the largest sports organization with nearly 4 million athletes in more than 170 countries. With initiatives to activate youth, engage kids with intellectual disabilities, build communities, and improve the health of athletes, they are changing the game for people, young and old. Through the power of sports, people with disabilities discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is more than a run. It’s a unique project that partners law enforcement with Special Olympics to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. What began on 1986 in Kansas as a one-day 30-mile run is now an 11-day relay covering more than 950 miles with more than 3,000 runners in Missouri alone. It has expanded to include 28 countries and a year-round fundraising program that in 2015 raised more than 55 million dollars. Over the last four years, under the umbrella of the Military Police Regimental Association, the Fort Leonard Wood Military Police community has raised over 50 thousand dollars for Special Olympics Missouri (SOMO).

So, back to the torch run. In order to accomplish this feat it took a lot of teamwork. Thanks go out to the US-AMPS Directorate of Plans & Operations, the 14th MP Bde S3, and several FLW agencies including the Directorate of Emergency Services, PAO, Visual Information Center (VIC), and the Transportation Motor Pool. Thanks also to our Special Olympics Regional Coordinator SGT Anthony (Tony) Lauth, Rolla PD and MAJ Doug Cooley, St Robert PD for their help in pulling this event off. A special thank you to SFC James Runner from the Basic Military Police Training Division for spearheading this event and to all the NCOs of the BMPTD for their efforts. Last but not least thank you to the Military Police Regimental Association for providing top cover on this event and the various fund raising activities.

To sum it up the Law Enforcement Torch Run is a symbol of unity that brings together communities and individuals of different backgrounds and abilities to celebrate the best in each of us. We cherish the relationships that the Torch Run builds each year and again would like to thank all of the law enforcement officers that took part in this amazing “record-setting” event.

Story by Dave Ross
Photos courtesy of the Fort Leonard Wood Visual Information Center (VIC)
The distinguished Order of the MSoldiers who joined the Army after 2003, have continuously been a part of the Global War on Terror. Multiple deployments, operational tempo, and post-traumatic stress disorder are familiar experiences for them. However, these Soldiers, many of whom served honorably and then chose to pursue life as civilians, are now doing great things in the areas of entrepreneurship, higher education, and volunteerism.

MPRA Lifetime Member and current doctoral student Travon Johnson is part of this generation. After leaving the Army in 2013, he completed his Master in Forensic Psychology from The American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Southern California and is currently expected to receive his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 2019.

“I didn’t start out intending to get my doctorate degree, but I was approached by an encouraging professor when I was in graduate school. She thought I would make a good doctoral candidate, and recommended that I apply,” said Johnson.

The field of psychology became a focal point for Johnson after he completed two deployments. In 2007-08, he served with the 302nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Baghdad, Iraq and in 2012-13 he deployed with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd ID (SBCT), 2D BSB to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Johnson’s first deployment provided several experiences that, without a doubt, changed the way he looked at life. In 2008, as a young Soldier barely out of high school, he experienced suicide first-hand when a Soldier in the battalion took his own life. He also narrowly escaped a mortar attack on the dining facility he regularly ate at when he decided to spend an extra 15 minutes on a school assignment that was due.

During this deployment, Johnson earned the unique experience of being part of Brigadier General Mark Spindler’s, then Colonel Spindler, security team.

“I traveled with him for two months and found his leadership style engaging and motivating,” said Johnson.

Johnson returned from that deployment and received orders to Fort Leonard Wood, where he served with the 14th Military Police Brigade, Basic Military Police Training Division (BMPTD). Johnson worked at STEM Village as an Advanced Individual Training Instructor for detainee operations and won two “NCO of the Quarter Boards” and two “Instructor of the Cycle” awards.

Johnson began looking for ways to gain leadership opportunities early in his career. He joined the MPRA as a Lifetime Member during AIT and began to take advantage of his membership.

“I read every article in the Dragoon magazine and it helped me keep up with what was happening around the world in various MP units. I actually used the articles to help me prepare for boards and as talking points when I spoke with senior leaders,” said Johnson.

After spending almost three years at Fort Leonard Wood, Johnson moved on to Fort Lewis where he served with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, 2nd BSB, MP. He spent time training his squad in Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) for combat patrols, as well as detainee operations. Johnson also earned his Bachelor in Criminal Justice from Ashford University. He deployed with his platoon to Afghanistan in 2012-2013, and was attached to serve as the NCOIC at the Kandahar Field Detention Site, supervising 24 Soldiers.

Though he enjoyed his work during this deployment, he also had the raw experience of talking face to face with a Soldier in his squad who wanted to commit suicide after experiencing a high level of stress. Johnson spent an entire night talking with the soldier, and was ultimately able to help him receive the appropriate care. Fortunately, the Soldier is currently alive and well.

His personal experiences during both deployments began to stir something in Johnson’s heart – he wanted to change the stigma around mental health.

“I came to realize that there was a huge stigma about seeking mental health services. I began to think about how I could build the bridge for some of my fellow Soldiers and Veterans, to help them access the care they need,” said Johnson.

When he returned from his deployment to Afghanistan, he received an honorable discharge from the Army and began to focus on building that bridge. He is currently working toward becoming a clinical psychologist and recently had his dissertation topic approved. His research seeks to explore factors that will help bring service members and veterans to psychotherapy.

As part of his education plan, he will soon be applying for internships soon, and though he had the option to apply with a variety of organizations, Johnson will be applying with those that serve military members.

“My ultimate goal is to become a military psychologist and be able to treat Veterans and service members,” said Johnson.

Johnson has recently begun collecting information for his dissertation. His current survey can be found here: https://qtrial2017q1az1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9QOa0c8GVlwC9RH
We’re excited to introduce you to one of our newest chapters, the Grand Canyon Chapter in Arizona! Their president Sergeant Major Max Hamlin, 198th Regional Support Group, was excited to provide us with some insight into the Grand Canyon chapter and was nice enough to take some time to answer a few of our questions!

Where is your chapter located?
We are located in the Phoenix/Tempe, Arizona area and focus primarily on serving the large contingency of national guard and reserve military police Soldiers in the area, including the CID detachment that’s here.

Tell us about your chapter and your position as chapter president?
We’ve been fortunate to be able to meet regularly at a local Veterans of Foreign Wars facility and we have a solid group of leaders that attend. I am working hard to get other Veterans and MPs involved in order to help communicate the importance of joining the MPRA to the younger Soldiers that are new to the military and I hope this helps us connect with that group of MPs. Recently, our chapter decided to dedicate part of our funds to sponsoring new MPs and paying for their first year of MPRA membership so that they’d be able to learn about the organization and better understand the importance of being a member.

Tell us about some of the things your chapter does.
We’re a fairly new chapter, but just in the few months since we’ve received our charter, we held a fundraiser which allowed us to support the 850th Military Police Battalion’s recent MWR day and a Soldier who was recently injured in a motorcycle accident.

We’re also excited to announce that we’ll be holding our first MP Ball in Tempe in October. We’ll be holding it a little later than normal because we have some MPs that will be participating in a Warfighter Exercise and we want to ensure they can attend.

Does your chapter have any goals? If so, what are they?
1. Our primary goal is to support the MPs and their family members that are with MP units in the area. There is one MP National Guard battalion and one MP Reserve battalion, as well as a CID detachment. As they come and go from deployments, we want to be able to do what we can to support them.
2. Many guard and reserve MPs in this area also work for local law enforcement agencies, so we would like to develop closer relationships with those organizations.
3. We have plans to begin reaching out to the other branches of service that are near here, including the local Air Force base, so that we can grow our membership by including MPs from other branches of service.

How do you tell others about your events?
We have a Facebook page where we post our meeting times and upcoming events. We also use word of mouth.

If you’re in the Phoenix/Tempe area and would like to become more actively involved in the Grand Canyon Chapter, you can contact them here or by calling SGM Hamlin at 602-705-1992. You can also find them on Facebook @ MPRAGrandCanyon.

By Erin Kaberline
Advanced Leadership Course Gets Involved

Fort Leonard Wood, MO: Volunteerism serves multiple purposes within our ranks. First and foremost, it makes for a cohesive bond between our military and civilian communities around the globe. Service members taking an active role in their communities provides a link between our military families and the community in which they live. Soldiers serving our communities reinforces our duty to be stewards of our profession and project a sense of purpose and compassion within our ranks. Young Soldiers serve to learn how local area involvement can make for stronger community bonds, and instill the foundation for servant leadership within our ranks. In order to reinforce this point and teach the importance of community involvement, the Cadre of the Military Police Advanced Leaders Course (MP ALC) provide students with the opportunity for every class to get involved in the Fort Leonard Wood Community.

The Cadre set the example for Military Police students by volunteering an immense amount of personal time to the local area. Instructors of the course coach youth sports throughout the year, are heavily involved in local and national organizations, and most significantly serve as mentors to a local alternative high school, assisting over 30 high-risk students in obtaining life skills to aide in the successful completion of their high school diploma. The actions of the instructors are highly visible and provide an outstanding example that inspires students to get involved. The Instructors provide guidance and mentorship to these students who plan, coordinate, and execute a multitude of community service projects throughout the year. Ultimately the decision of where and how to volunteer is left to the students. The instructors simply provide the motivation, resources, and time for students to get involved. Students have provided a multitude of services throughout the Mid-Missouri Region.

Volunteer events have included assisting the staff at local animal shelters, Military Moral Recreation and Welfare events, supporting local school programs, and spending time with and supporting veterans in the local area. Students spent their personal time at the St James Veterans Home in St James, MO allowing them to interact with World War II and Vietnam Veterans who were eager to share their experiences. The veterans truly appreciate the time spent with students and the impact on their spirit is immeasurable.

SGT Ryan Salazar of the 552D Military Police Company Schofield Barracks, HI stated that the opportunity to sit down with the veterans was extremely rewarding once he realized how much these veterans appreciated their presence. SGT Salazar also enjoyed the opportunity to compare his experiences with someone who served in a prior generation’s Army. In addition to supporting local volunteer and local area programs, cadre and students have supported fundraising programs, and raised funds to support charities within to community. These charities include the St Baldrick’s Foundation, the Waynesville School Districts Pick and Pack program, and the Military Police Regimental Association Ozark-Chapter.

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In April, 2017, SFC Dean of the Military Police Advanced Leaders Course coordinated over 65 students to volunteer at the Waynesville St Baldrick’s head shaving event. This local event raised over 20,000 dollars for the St Baldrick’s foundation. SFC Aaron Dean, of MP ALC, has a personal connection to the organization as his family has unfortunately been effected by childhood cancer. He stated “Seeing our students so enthusiastic about supporting such a goodhearted cause is overwhelming and inspiring. It is uplifting knowing these are the leaders that make up our regiment’s backbone.”

SGT Chayne Williams of the 978th Military Police Company, Fort Bliss, TX was asked what he thought of his experiences with volunteer service, in which he replied, “I truly enjoyed getting to assist at the local animal shelter. The cadre of ALC really instilled in me the importance of civilian – military relations and how it has such a positive impact.”

In the past year, cadre and students of MP ALC alone has raised over 3,000 dollars and volunteered over 2,500 hours, and provided services to the community valued at over 5,000 dollars. The impact this has brought to the Mid-Missouri region is significant, and more importantly junior Noncommissioned Officers have been instilled with a sense of compassion and the opportunity to comprehend the importance of volunteerism.
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